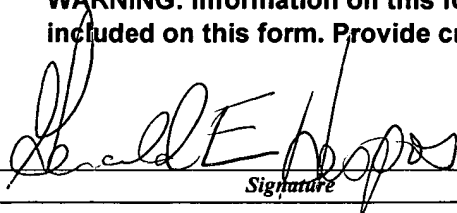
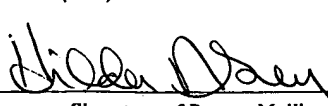
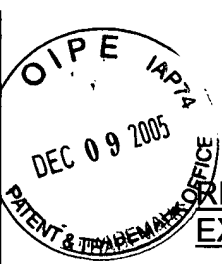


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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action of  
October 7, 2005. Please amend the application as follows: